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- The value of BC origin exports climbed 5.0% in 2008, rebounding from a 5.7% drop between 2006 and 2007. The increase occurred despite an 8.1% decline in shipments to BC's largest trading partner, the United States.

- The main factor driving the overall jump in the value of BC exports was the skyrocketing demand for coal and the subsequent price inflation for that good. The value of BC coal exports more than doubled in 2008 (+117.4%), mostly as a result of the price increase, as quantities shipped grew only 6.4%. Since very little coal is shipped to the United States, the overall value of BC's exports managed to increase despite a reduction in shipments to the US. The tremendous growth for coal in 2008 pushed that good ahead of softwood lumber as BC's top export.

- Elsewhere in the energy sector, natural gas exports also experienced strong growth (+17.8%) and once again, price inflation played a significant role in the increase as quantities exported rose only 1.1%. Exports of electricity bucked the overall trend, slumping 15.6%.

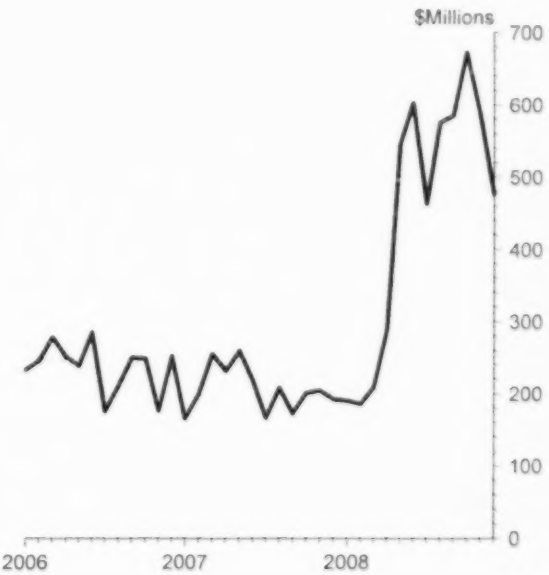
- The news was nowhere near as positive in the forest sector, where both solid wood products (-24.5%) and pulp and paper products (-8.2%) saw a drop in exports. Shipments of softwood lumber, which had been BC's top export prior to 2008, fell 24.4%.

- Exports of metallic minerals dipped 2.8% in 2008, mainly due to a reduction in shipments of unwrought zinc (-24.7%), as well as a 2.6% drop in exports of unwrought aluminum. However, there was strong growth in shipments of molybdenum ores and concentrates (+14.1%).

- Exports of machinery and equipment fell 3.0% in 2008 as a 16.0% slump in shipments of motor vehicles and parts more than offset a 10.0% jump in exports of electrical, electronic and communications equipment.

- With the exception of the US (-8.1%), India (-31.9%) and Australia (-2.8%), shipments to most of BC's major export destinations increased in 2008. The strongest growth was in exports to Mexico (+73.6%) and Asian destinations such as South Korea (+49.9%), Hong Kong (+41.8%), Taiwan (+29.4%), Japan (+21.5%) and Mainland China (+15.5%).

BC's exports of coal skyrocketed in 2008, which helped overall export growth stay positive



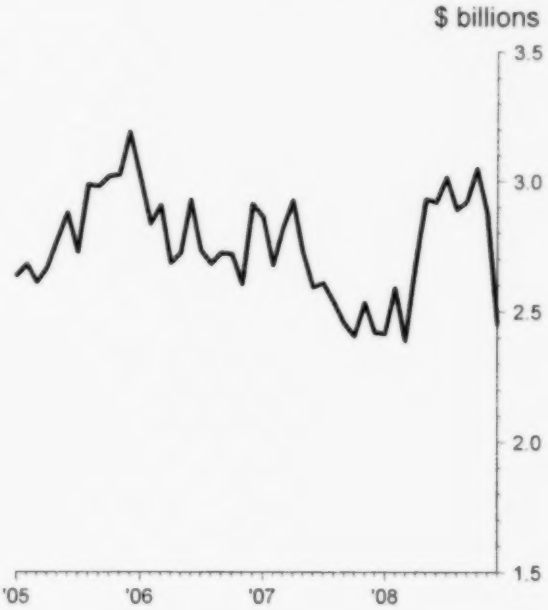
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED EXPORTS

Seasonal adjustment supplies a means of making month-to-month comparisons by removing the regular periodic seasonal fluctuations that occur. Variations from normal seasonal patterns are revealed in the seasonally adjusted data series.

- The value of BC exports experienced a steep drop in December (-14.8%) as exports of both energy products (-20.3%) and industrial and consumer goods (-26.9%) fell dramatically. There were smaller declines for the other major commodity groups, but all of them saw a drop in exports.

- Exports to both the United States (-11.7%) and all other destinations (-17.8%) contributed to the overall decline. Forest product exports to the US slumped 18.9%, but shipments of forest products to all other countries actually climbed 14.7%.

Exports (adjusted for seasonality) plunged in December



BC Exports, Seasonally Adjusted ($Millions)

Month	Agriculture & Fish	Energy	Forest Products	Machinery& Equip, Auto	Industrial, Consumer	Total	Exports to USA
Dec 2006	209	569	1,031	380	722	2,910	1,744
Jan 2007	208	527	1,123	366	639	2,863	1,766
Feb	198	573	972	368	566	2,678	1,655
Mar	209	540	1,082	380	607	2,818	1,728
Apr	197	554	1,120	377	676	2,924	1,712
May	189	556	1,016	340	624	2,725	1,632
Jun	182	487	1,001	344	578	2,593	1,602
Jul	168	517	968	349	606	2,608	1,592
Aug	179	481	989	346	540	2,536	1,568
Sep	195	469	825	366	600	2,455	1,506
Oct	169	483	861	329	566	2,407	1,438
Nov	164	519	870	338	641	2,533	1,448
Dec	188	491	863	319	560	2,421	1,442
Jan 2008	185	511	817	334	569	2,415	1,397
Feb	195	580	856	325	632	2,588	1,502
Mar	183	573	782	314	537	2,389	1,461
Apr	190	748	820	317	604	2,679	1,511
May	186	808	840	322	772	2,928	1,410
Jun	188	918	795	323	695	2,920	1,522
Jul	180	1,062	820	329	623	3,014	1,639
Aug	196	828	744	345	778	2,891	1,404
Sep	199	955	817	325	623	2,920	1,490
Oct	218	967	838	357	668	3,048	1,532
Nov	211	931	754	349	634	2,878	1,427
Dec	207	742	709	332	463	2,453	1,260

Canada Seeks Trade Deal with the European Union

In the midst of a global economic crisis there have been several signs that protectionist sentiment is on the rise, creating concerns among countries such as Canada that are heavily dependent on trade. Measures such as the United States' "Buy American" restrictions in its stimulus bill, as well as new duties, domestic subsidies and restrictions introduced in other countries, have evoked memories of the infamous Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930, a protectionist measure introduced by the United States that ultimately resulted in a worldwide trade war and is thought by many to have been a contributing factor to the Depression. In a letter to US Senate leaders in response to the "Buy American" restrictions, Canadian Ambassador Michael Wilson cautioned that "A rush of protectionist actions could create a downward spiral like the world experienced in the 1930s."[1]

Given these concerns over the rising tide of protectionism, the current free trade talks between Canada and the European Union (EU) come at an opportune time. Discussion on a possible deal began in earnest last fall and ongoing talks since then have been focussed on the scope of a future free trade agreement. The hope is that full-scale negotiations between Canada and the 27-member EU will begin in May 2009. One of the possible sticking points to a deal is whether Canadian provinces will agree to opening up their public procurement systems to European companies. International Trade Minister Stockwell Day said he's confident that the provinces will agree to such provisions, noting that "we understand in Canada that we prosper because we are a trading nation. We produce more than we can consume, and if we can't trade then we're in trouble. Provinces, regardless of the political stripe of their government, recognize this."[2]

A trade deal with the European Union could ultimately be more encompassing than even the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) as it could include additional elements, such as measures designed to improve labour mobility, that are not part of NAFTA. A joint Canada-EU study suggests that a deal such as the one envisioned could create a total of €19.8 billion in additional income by 2014, of which €8.2 billion would be generated in Canada (approximately $13 billion at current exchange rates).[3]

The large majority of that additional revenue would be from trade in services, but there would also be gains in trade in goods. The latest available data from Statistics Canada indicates that the value of Canada's service exports to the member countries of the European Union was approximately $12.3 billion in 2006 (excluding Bulgaria and Romania, the latest countries to join the EU, for which data are not available). There were about $13.7 billion worth of imports from EU countries into Canada in

[1] Quoted in: Laghi, Brian and Carmichael, Kevin, "Canada takes battle over 'Buy American' to U.S. Senate," *The Globe and Mail*, p. A1, Feb. 3, 2009.

[2] As quoted in: O'Neil, Peter, "Canada and EU hope for freer trade," *Victoria Times-Colonist*, p. B1, Jan. 16, 2009.

[3] *Assessing the costs and benefits of a closer EU-Canada economic partnership: A joint study by the European Commission and the Government of Canada*, October, 2008.

that year, such that Canada had a $1.4 billion deficit in trade in services with the EU.

Canada's Trade in Services with the EU, 2006 ($Millions)

Country	Exports	Imports	Balance
Austria	151	193	-42
Belgium/Luxembourg	248	306	-57
Denmark	228	178	50
France	1,784	2,263	-479
Finland	143	197	-54
Germany	1,702	1,805	-103
Greece	244	1,038	-794
Ireland	707	564	143
Italy	485	928	-443
Netherlands	741	860	-119
Poland	88	112	-24
Portugal	127	246	-119
Spain	437	423	15
Sweden	256	211	44
United Kingdom	4,760	4,037	723
Other*	198	293	-95
European Union Total*	**12,299**	**13,654**	**-1,354**

*Excludes Bulgaria and Romania

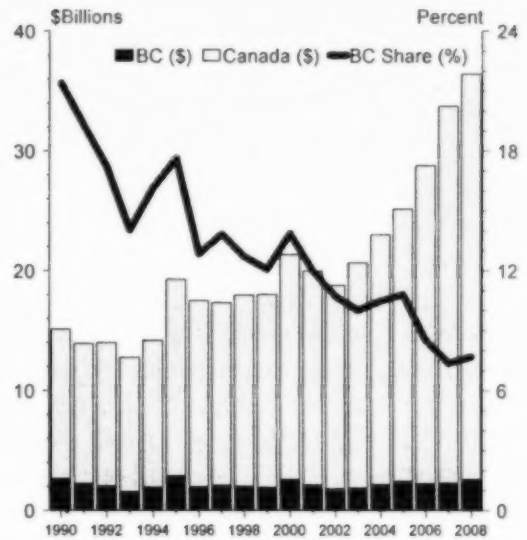
The figures for both exports and imports are approximately a third the value of the comparable data for trade in services with the United States. Nevertheless, they represent a substantial portion of Canada's trade in services.

On the goods side, Canada exported approximately $33.9 billion worth of merchandise to the EU in 2008, of which around $2.6 billion, or 7.7%, originated in British Columbia. These figures comprised only 7.4% of Canada's goods exports and 7.9% of BC's exports. The levels pale in comparison to trade with the United States, but the EU is still a significant trade partner for both British Columbia and Canada as a whole.

Canada imported approximately $54.0 billion worth of goods from the EU in 2008, such that Canada had a deficit of about $17.9 billion in trade in goods (note that the deficit is calculated using total exports including re-exports,[4] which was $36.1 billion - the $33.9 billion figure quoted earlier is for domestic exports only).

The value of Canada's commodity exports to the EU has risen significantly in the last several years, almost doubling from about $17 billion in 2002 to just under $34 billion in 2008. However, shipments originating in British Columbia have been flat and BC's share of Canadian exports to the EU has dropped from over 21% in 1990 to less than 8% in 2008.

Canadian exports to the EU have been rising, but BC's share of Canadian exports has dropped

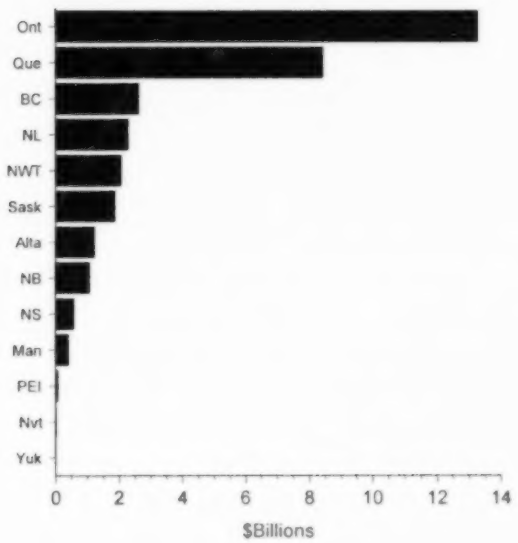


Source: Statistics Canada

[4] A re-export is a good that is imported into the country and then shipped back out again without being materially transformed. Since goods that are re-imported into Canada are counted on the import side, it is important to include re-exports when calculating a trade balance.

Despite the decline in BC's share of Canadian exports to the EU, British Columbia still ranked third among the provinces, behind only Ontario (39%) and Quebec (25%) in 2008. Newfound and Labrador (7%) and the Northwest Territories (6%) ranked fourth and fifth. Products from the mining industry, particularly gold and nickel were the top exports from Ontario to the EU. For Quebec, aircraft, aircraft parts and aluminum topped the list of exports, while Newfoundland and Labrador shipped mainly iron, copper and nickel ores and concentrates, as well as oil. In the Northwest Territories, virtually all the exports to the EU were comprised of diamonds and almost all of those were shipped to either the United Kingdom or Belgium.

BC ranked third in the country in 2008 as a source for Canadian exports to the EU



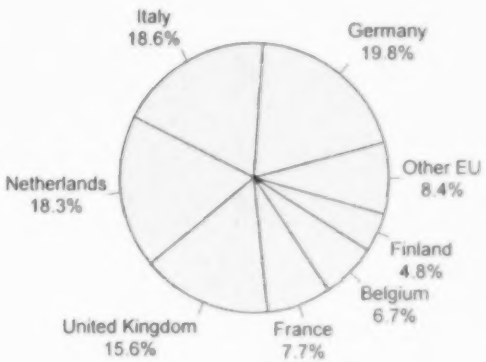
Source: Statistics Canada

By far, British Columbia's top export to the EU in 2008 was coal (40%), but pulp (11%) and softwood lumber (10%) were also significant exports to that region.

The large majority of BC's exports to the EU is destined for only a handful of countries: Germany (20%), Italy (19%) the Netherlands (18%), and the United Kingdom (16%). It is much the same for Canada as a whole, except the United Kingdom leads the way (36%), followed by Germany (12%), the Netherlands (10%), Belgium (9%) and France (9%).

Over 90% of BC's exports to the 27-member EU is shipped to just seven countries

Share of BC Exports to EU, 2008



Source: Statistics Canada

A free trade deal between Canada and the EU would undoubtedly be a positive step for both parties. However, there are still many roadblocks that need to be surpassed for such a deal to occur. Allowing competition from EU firms for government procurement contracts could be difficult for some provinces to accept and concerns from the agricultural sectors in both Canada and the EU could also make it difficult to come to an agreement. Nevertheless, the fact that Canada and the EU are talking free trade is seen by many as an important step, particularly in light of the current economic crisis and the protectionist forces springing up around the globe. If Canada and the EU can make free

trade work, it may give added incentive to countries around the world to come to a global trade agreement, which should benefit all countries.

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NOTES

Countries Included Within World Regions:

(1) Western Europe: United Kingdom, Ireland, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

(2) Eastern Europe: other Europe, including all of Russia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, etc.

(3) South East Asia: Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Myanmar, Kampuchea, Laos, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam.

(4) Africa: continental Africa, excluding Ethiopia, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Egypt.

(5) South America: continental South America from Colombia and Venezuela south to Chile and Argentina, including offshore islands, but not Caribbean.

(6) Central America and Caribbean: from Guatemala and Belize to Panama, plus Caribbean Islands.

(7) Pacific Rim (including Japan): Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam, Singapore, Laos, Mongolia, China, Indonesia, North Korea, South Korea, Philippines, Macau, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand.

(8) Pacific Rim: as above, but excluding Japan.

(9) Middle East: from Turkey and Iran south through the Arabian Peninsula. Excluding Afghanistan and Pakistan, but including Cyprus, Ethiopia, Egypt, Somalia, Sudan and Libya.

The **European Union** is the membership as of January 1, 2007: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

'Selected Value-added Wood Products' category includes prefabricated houses, doors, windows, furniture, moulding, siding, etc. It does not include panel products, shakes, shingles or any pulp and paper products.

Revisions

Statistics Canada revises trade data for the previous three data years with release of the December data. The revision number is indicated in the footer of the tables (e.g., Rev 1 is the first annual revision, etc., and Prelim indicates it is the first release of data to December for that year). In addition to annual revisions, Statistics Canada revises the data for the previous data year every quarter (indicated in the footer by Rev Q1, etc) as well as with the release of the January and February data.

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B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS

	DECEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE			ANNUAL		
	2007	2008	CHANGE 2007-08	2007	2008	CHANGE 2007-08	2006	2007	2008
	VALUES ($,000)		(%)	VALUES ($,000)		(%)	VALUES ($,000)		
United Kingdom	23,507	15,063	-35.9%	401,294	405,122	1.0%	386,230	401,294	405,122
Germany	20,393	12,164	-40.4%	463,521	516,001	11.3%	446,919	463,521	516,001
People's Republic of China	150,059	171,645	14.4%	1,742,507	2,012,970	15.5%	1,485,885	1,742,507	2,012,970
Hong Kong	15,500	22,623	46.0%	166,501	236,050	41.8%	199,209	166,501	236,050
Taiwan	49,767	15,620	-68.6%	462,412	598,237	29.4%	520,727	462,412	598,237
Japan	314,383	403,076	28.2%	4,134,605	5,022,331	21.5%	4,709,846	4,134,605	5,022,331
South Korea	101,232	213,156	110.6%	1,307,768	1,960,339	49.9%	1,364,552	1,307,768	1,960,339
India	11,363	11,111	-2.2%	234,038	159,483	-31.9%	345,944	234,038	159,483
Australia	28,438	15,838	-44.3%	223,518	217,309	-2.8%	171,503	223,518	217,309
Mexico	11,782	18,743	59.1%	195,764	339,777	73.6%	185,277	195,764	339,777
United States	1,349,023	1,187,775	-12.0%	19,090,632	17,553,578	-8.1%	20,518,244	19,090,632	17,553,578
other	257,020	293,019	14.0%	3,137,938	4,102,182	30.7%	3,136,549	3,137,938	4,102,182
Total International Exports	**2,332,467**	**2,379,831**	**2.0%**	**31,560,498**	**33,123,378**	**5.0%**	**33,470,883**	**31,560,498**	**33,123,378**
1) Western Europe	168,327	140,518	-16.5%	2,294,726	2,583,526	12.6%	2,263,322	2,294,726	2,583,526
2) Eastern Europe	9,385	9,139	-2.6%	174,189	191,274	9.8%	115,992	174,189	191,274
3) South East Asia	34,428	29,174	-15.3%	520,728	563,654	8.2%	523,622	520,728	563,654
4) Africa (exc. Egypt & Mid-East)	5,802	8,928	53.9%	72,065	157,844	119.0%	57,498	72,065	157,844
5) South America	33,935	92,023	171.2%	405,177	701,174	73.1%	490,787	405,177	701,174
6) Cent. Amer. & Caribb. (exc. Mex.)	10,092	12,943	28.3%	105,866	214,701	102.8%	114,165	105,866	214,701
7) Pacific Rim (including Japan)	699,978	878,010	25.4%	8,625,637	10,711,184	24.2%	9,038,027	8,625,637	10,711,184
8) Pacific Rim (excluding Japan)	385,594	474,934	23.2%	4,491,032	5,688,853	26.7%	4,328,182	4,491,032	5,688,853
9) Middle East	25,162	17,142	-31.9%	280,130	413,367	47.6%	296,122	280,130	413,367
	SHARE OF TOTAL (%)								
United Kingdom	1.0%	0.6%		1.3%	1.2%		1.2%	1.3%	1.2%
Germany	0.9%	0.5%		1.5%	1.6%		1.3%	1.5%	1.6%
People's Republic of China	6.4%	7.2%		5.5%	6.1%		4.4%	5.5%	6.1%
Hong Kong	0.7%	1.0%		0.5%	0.7%		0.6%	0.5%	0.7%
Taiwan	2.1%	0.7%		1.5%	1.8%		1.6%	1.5%	1.8%
Japan	13.5%	16.9%		13.1%	15.2%		14.1%	13.1%	15.2%
South Korea	4.3%	9.0%		4.1%	5.9%		4.1%	4.1%	5.9%
India	0.5%	0.5%		0.7%	0.5%		1.0%	0.7%	0.5%
Australia	1.2%	0.7%		0.7%	0.7%		0.5%	0.7%	0.7%
Mexico	0.5%	0.8%		0.6%	1.0%		0.6%	0.6%	1.0%
United States	57.8%	49.9%		60.5%	53.0%		61.3%	60.5%	53.0%
other	11.0%	12.3%		9.9%	12.4%		9.4%	9.9%	12.4%
Total International Exports	**100.0%**	**100.0%**		**100.0%**	**100.0%**		**100.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**
1) Western Europe	7.2%	5.9%		7.3%	7.8%		6.8%	7.3%	7.8%
2) Eastern Europe	0.4%	0.4%		0.6%	0.6%		0.3%	0.6%	0.6%
3) South East Asia	1.5%	1.2%		1.6%	1.7%		1.6%	1.6%	1.7%
4) Africa (exc. Egypt & Mid-East)	0.2%	0.4%		0.2%	0.5%		0.2%	0.2%	0.5%
5) South America	1.5%	3.9%		1.3%	2.1%		1.4%	1.3%	2.1%
6) Cent. Amer. & Caribb. (exc. Mex.)	0.4%	0.5%		0.3%	0.6%		0.3%	0.3%	0.6%
7) Pacific Rim (including Japan)	30.0%	36.9%		27.3%	32.3%		27.0%	27.3%	32.3%
8) Pacific Rim (excluding Japan)	16.5%	20.0%		14.2%	17.2%		12.9%	14.2%	17.2%
9) Middle East	1.1%	0.7%		0.9%	1.2%		0.9%	0.9%	1.2%

See attached NOTES for countries within listed regions.

B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS to ALL COUNTRIES
– SELECTED COMMODITIES –

	DECEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE				
			CHANGE			CHANGE	SHARE	
	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 (%)	2008 (%)
SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS	**422,200**	**361,289**	**-14.4%**	**7,163,852**	**5,407,901**	**-24.5%**	**22.7%**	**16.3%**
Lumber (softwood)	289,213	242,365	-16.2%	4,772,986	3,606,468	-24.4%	15.1%	10.9%
Cedar Shakes and Shingles	14,661	8,031	-45.2%	270,002	202,930	-24.8%	0.9%	0.6%
Plywood and Veneer (softwood)	15,698	9,222	-41.3%	289,842	178,611	-38.4%	0.9%	0.5%
Other Panel Products	37,002	19,938	-46.1%	554,014	407,037	-26.5%	1.8%	1.2%
Selected Value Added Wood Products	38,035	30,770	-19.1%	673,791	512,353	-24.0%	2.1%	1.5%
Logs	7,468	33,707	351.4%	368,527	277,538	-24.7%	1.2%	0.8%
Other	20,123	17,256	-14.2%	234,689	222,964	-5.0%	0.7%	0.7%
PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS	**414,027**	**337,864**	**-18.4%**	**5,117,849**	**4,699,097**	**-8.2%**	**16.2%**	**14.2%**
Pulp	287,457	184,950	-35.7%	3,378,681	2,878,357	-14.8%	10.7%	8.7%
Newsprint	23,188	36,669	58.1%	433,336	349,460	-19.4%	1.4%	1.1%
Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint	91,389	104,715	14.6%	1,136,736	1,306,471	14.9%	3.6%	3.9%
Other	11,992	11,529	-3.9%	169,095	164,809	-2.5%	0.5%	0.5%
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH	**100,867**	**108,345**	**7.4%**	**1,451,973**	**1,575,933**	**8.5%**	**4.6%**	**4.8%**
Fruit and Nuts	13,024	8,714	-33.1%	216,813	216,454	-0.2%	0.7%	0.7%
Vegetables	7,432	6,543	-12.0%	213,209	224,617	5.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Other	80,411	93,087	15.8%	1,021,951	1,134,862	11.0%	3.2%	3.4%
FISH PRODUCTS	**59,700**	**68,008**	**13.9%**	**896,863**	**899,243**	**0.3%**	**2.8%**	**2.7%**
Whole Fish;Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon	7,374	7,203	-2.3%	158,631	169,920	7.1%	0.5%	0.5%
Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	29,341	37,507	27.8%	382,862	370,744	-3.2%	1.2%	1.1%
Salmon, Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc.	4,218	5,567	32.0%	39,387	41,049	4.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	18,768	17,730	-5.5%	315,983	317,530	0.5%	1.0%	1.0%
METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	**273,143**	**174,540**	**-36.1%**	**3,444,856**	**3,347,355**	**-2.8%**	**10.9%**	**10.1%**
Copper Ores and Concentrates	74,602	77,372	3.7%	1,159,072	1,178,716	1.7%	3.7%	3.6%
Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates	34,439	24,159	-29.8%	436,087	497,359	14.1%	1.4%	1.5%
Unwrought Aluminum	67,209	34,698	-48.4%	765,565	745,370	-2.6%	2.4%	2.3%
Unwrought Zinc	59,963	24,380	-59.3%	742,788	559,314	-24.7%	2.4%	1.7%
Other	36,930	13,931	-62.3%	341,345	366,596	7.4%	1.1%	1.1%
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	**77,390**	**66,073**	**-14.6%**	**1,081,632**	**1,231,068**	**13.8%**	**3.4%**	**3.7%**
ENERGY PRODUCTS	**564,342**	**795,852**	**41.0%**	**6,200,797**	**9,627,039**	**55.3%**	**19.6%**	**29.1%**
Natural Gas	279,362	247,026	-11.6%	2,698,368	3,179,711	17.8%	8.5%	9.6%
Coal	192,359	476,404	147.7%	2,473,589	5,378,686	117.4%	7.8%	16.2%
Electricity	67,592	26,865	-60.3%	640,960	540,814	-15.6%	2.0%	1.6%
Other	25,029	45,557	82.0%	387,881	527,828	36.1%	1.2%	1.6%
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	**249,983**	**275,163**	**10.1%**	**3,475,931**	**3,372,434**	**-3.0%**	**11.0%**	**10.2%**
Motor Vehicles and Parts	20,828	19,272	-7.5%	356,271	299,234	-16.0%	1.1%	0.9%
Electrical/Electronic/Communications	57,920	72,060	24.4%	716,615	788,229	10.0%	2.3%	2.4%
Scientific/Photographic/Measuring Equip., etc.	32,730	35,922	9.8%	392,355	390,382	-0.5%	1.2%	1.2%
Other	138,505	147,908	6.8%	2,010,691	1,894,589	-5.8%	6.4%	5.7%
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC	**26,997**	**26,469**	**-2.0%**	**478,808**	**402,233**	**-16.0%**	**1.5%**	**1.2%**
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	**41,253**	**60,631**	**47.0%**	**678,281**	**1,047,329**	**54.4%**	**2.1%**	**3.2%**
APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES	**9,074**	**6,879**	**-24.2%**	**155,292**	**114,696**	**-26.1%**	**0.5%**	**0.3%**
TEXTILES	**3,211**	**4,890**	**52.3%**	**58,572**	**51,815**	**-11.5%**	**0.2%**	**0.2%**
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES	**90,279**	**93,830**	**3.9%**	**1,355,791**	**1,347,234**	**-0.6%**	**4.3%**	**4.1%**
GRAND TOTAL	**2,332,467**	**2,379,831**	**2.0%**	**31,560,498**	**33,123,378**	**5.0%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS to the U.S.A.
– SELECTED COMMODITIES –

	DECEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE				
			CHANGE			CHANGE	SHARE	
	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 (%)	2008 (%)
SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS	**279,942**	**193,112**	**-31.0%**	**5,222,330**	**3,492,649**	**-33.1%**	**27.4%**	**19.9%**
Lumber (softwood)	183,337	122,458	-33.2%	3,376,876	2,193,890	-35.0%	17.7%	12.5%
Cedar Shakes and Shingles	13,426	7,479	-44.3%	252,989	182,718	-27.8%	1.3%	1.0%
Plywood and Veneer (softwood)	14,395	7,672	-46.7%	258,057	157,377	-39.0%	1.4%	0.9%
Other Panel Products	28,168	16,617	-41.0%	466,023	338,635	-27.3%	2.4%	1.9%
Selected Value Added Wood Products	31,931	25,311	-20.7%	579,145	450,831	-22.2%	3.0%	2.6%
Logs	2,413	6,849	183.9%	177,894	77,170	-56.6%	0.9%	0.4%
Other	6,272	6,725	7.2%	111,346	92,029	-17.3%	0.6%	0.5%
PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS	**165,268**	**156,844**	**-5.1%**	**2,150,888**	**2,119,953**	**-1.4%**	**11.3%**	**12.1%**
Pulp	71,844	52,215	-27.3%	925,974	812,916	-12.2%	4.9%	4.6%
Newsprint	13,585	16,612	22.3%	244,707	184,610	-24.6%	1.3%	1.1%
Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint	70,011	78,278	11.8%	841,182	986,683	17.3%	4.4%	5.6%
Other	9,828	9,739	-0.9%	139,025	135,744	-2.4%	0.7%	0.8%
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH	**64,044**	**70,091**	**9.4%**	**1,084,978**	**1,108,960**	**2.2%**	**5.7%**	**6.3%**
Fruit and Nuts	9,398	6,745	-28.2%	175,818	186,942	6.3%	0.9%	1.1%
Vegetables	6,112	5,897	-3.5%	196,100	210,935	7.6%	1.0%	1.2%
Other	48,534	57,449	18.4%	713,060	711,083	-0.3%	3.7%	4.1%
FISH PRODUCTS	**35,579**	**42,963**	**20.8%**	**543,197**	**528,876**	**-2.6%**	**2.8%**	**3.0%**
Whole Fish,Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon	1,607	1,130	-29.7%	58,044	58,429	0.7%	0.3%	0.3%
Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	26,071	33,609	28.9%	339,136	327,059	-3.6%	1.8%	1.9%
Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc.	215	187	-13.1%	1,922	1,554	-19.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	7,686	8,038	4.6%	144,094	141,834	-1.6%	0.8%	0.8%
METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	**78,521**	**31,752**	**-59.6%**	**901,093**	**904,613**	**0.4%**	**4.7%**	**5.2%**
Copper Ores and Concentrates	0	0	NA	0	658	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates	6,785	1,778	-73.8%	72,438	125,888	73.8%	0.4%	0.7%
Unwrought Aluminum	2,328	5,551	138.4%	52,710	81,179	54.0%	0.3%	0.5%
Unwrought Zinc	49,871	15,374	-69.2%	600,184	470,869	-21.5%	3.1%	2.7%
Other	19,536	9,049	-53.7%	175,762	226,020	28.6%	0.9%	1.3%
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	**54,245**	**55,133**	**1.6%**	**779,189**	**892,914**	**14.6%**	**4.1%**	**5.1%**
ENERGY PRODUCTS	**373,113**	**308,775**	**-17.2%**	**3,733,924**	**4,208,285**	**12.7%**	**19.6%**	**24.0%**
Natural Gas	279,362	247,026	-11.6%	2,698,368	3,179,711	17.8%	14.1%	18.1%
Coal	1,149	717	-37.6%	7,576	10,590	39.8%	0.0%	0.1%
Electricity	67,592	26,865	-60.3%	840,960	540,814	-15.6%	3.4%	3.1%
Other	25,010	34,167	36.6%	387,021	477,169	23.3%	2.0%	2.7%
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	**168,794**	**181,365**	**7.4%**	**2,452,416**	**2,259,187**	**-7.9%**	**12.8%**	**12.9%**
Motor Vehicles and Parts	17,886	14,075	-21.3%	315,500	252,692	-19.9%	1.7%	1.4%
Electrical/Electronic/Communications	36,783	46,906	27.5%	485,036	483,550	-0.3%	2.5%	2.8%
Scientific/Photographic/Measuring Equip., etc	16,886	19,759	17.0%	227,880	216,458	-5.0%	1.2%	1.2%
Other	97,240	100,625	3.5%	1,424,000	1,306,487	-8.3%	7.5%	7.4%
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC	**23,836**	**22,551**	**-5.4%**	**438,014**	**355,404**	**-18.9%**	**2.3%**	**2.0%**
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	**22,060**	**34,171**	**54.9%**	**450,722**	**440,526**	**-2.3%**	**2.4%**	**2.5%**
APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES	**6,762**	**5,475**	**-19.0%**	**125,560**	**85,994**	**-31.5%**	**0.7%**	**0.5%**
TEXTILES	**1,218**	**1,154**	**-5.3%**	**25,934**	**19,253**	**-25.8%**	**0.1%**	**0.1%**
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES	**75,640**	**84,390**	**11.6%**	**1,182,387**	**1,136,963**	**-3.8%**	**6.2%**	**6.5%**
GRAND TOTAL	**1,349,023**	**1,187,775**	**-12.0%**	**19,090,632**	**17,553,578**	**-8.1%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS to JAPAN
– SELECTED COMMODITIES –

	DECEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE				
			CHANGE			CHANGE	SHARE	
	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 (%)	2008 (%)
SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS	**73,453**	**96,383**	**31.2%**	**1,037,205**	**982,352**	**-5.3%**	**25.1%**	**19.6%**
Lumber (softwood)	59,225	64,849	9.5%	741,269	719,249	-3.0%	17.9%	14.3%
Cedar Shakes and Shingles	0	0	NA	23	56	141.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Plywood and Veneer (softwood)	36	81	126.0%	12,459	3,171	-74.6%	0.3%	0.1%
Other Panel Products	5,039	2,549	-49.4%	51,575	47,449	-8.0%	1.2%	0.9%
Selected Value Added Wood Products	3,193	2,766	-13.4%	56,246	32,262	-42.6%	1.4%	0.6%
Logs	1,107	22,628	1943.3%	132,897	140,324	5.6%	3.2%	2.8%
Other	4,853	3,510	-27.7%	42,736	39,842	-6.8%	1.0%	0.8%
PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS	**26,712**	**9,437**	**-64.7%**	**312,549**	**258,473**	**-17.3%**	**7.6%**	**5.1%**
Pulp	25,663	7,822	-69.5%	299,175	243,098	-18.7%	7.2%	4.8%
Newsprint	214	1,196	457.8%	5,217	5,555	6.5%	0.1%	0.1%
Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint	608	257	-57.7%	5,783	5,198	-10.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	227	162	-28.5%	2,373	4,622	94.7%	0.1%	0.1%
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH	**7,200**	**19,169**	**166.2%**	**97,639**	**153,123**	**56.8%**	**2.4%**	**3.0%**
Fruit and Nuts	1,223	627	-48.7%	11,993	10,866	-9.4%	0.3%	0.2%
Vegetables	185	105	-43.3%	10,270	5,949	-42.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Other	5,793	18,436	218.3%	75,376	136,309	80.8%	1.8%	2.7%
FISH PRODUCTS	**6,662**	**7,233**	**8.6%**	**137,834**	**136,091**	**-1.3%**	**3.3%**	**2.7%**
Whole Fish;Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon	1,744	1,588	-8.9%	29,356	28,385	-3.3%	0.7%	0.6%
Whole Salmon; Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	1,918	2,912	51.8%	20,460	25,730	25.8%	0.5%	0.5%
Salmon; Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc.	2	15	670.2%	1,310	997	-23.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	2,998	2,718	-9.3%	86,708	80,978	-6.6%	2.1%	1.6%
METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	**130,560**	**49,907**	**-61.8%**	**1,564,366**	**1,409,952**	**-9.9%**	**37.8%**	**28.1%**
Copper Ores and Concentrates	67,106	21,877	-67.4%	791,819	737,658	-6.8%	19.2%	14.7%
Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates	6,460	6,180	-4.3%	138,992	137,586	-1.0%	3.4%	2.7%
Unwrought Aluminum	43,837	21,120	-51.8%	509,180	490,092	-3.7%	12.3%	9.8%
Unwrought Zinc	468	351	-25.1%	23,059	6,556	-71.6%	0.6%	0.1%
Other	12,690	380	-97.0%	101,316	38,061	-62.4%	2.5%	0.8%
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	**583**	**595**	**2.1%**	**12,369**	**16,455**	**33.0%**	**0.3%**	**0.3%**
ENERGY PRODUCTS	**62,686**	**210,117**	**235.2%**	**838,278**	**1,954,898**	**133.2%**	**20.3%**	**38.9%**
Natural Gas	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Coal	62,686	210,075	235.1%	838,124	1,954,551	133.2%	20.3%	38.9%
Electricity	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0	42	NA	155	347	124.1%	0.0%	0.0%
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	**2,581**	**5,857**	**126.9%**	**61,368**	**49,987**	**-18.5%**	**1.5%**	**1.0%**
Motor Vehicles and Parts	30	68	129.6%	471	676	43.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Electrical/Electronic/Communications	685	1,201	75.3%	13,430	10,839	-19.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Scientific/Photographic/Measuring Equip., etc.	798	361	-54.8%	6,575	7,437	13.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Other	1,068	4,227	296.0%	40,893	31,035	-24.1%	1.0%	0.6%
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC	**137**	**36**	**-73.8%**	**2,048**	**1,022**	**-50.1%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	**2,987**	**3,983**	**33.4%**	**53,117**	**51,123**	**-3.8%**	**1.3%**	**1.0%**
APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES	**347**	**126**	**-63.7%**	**4,885**	**3,684**	**-24.6%**	**0.1%**	**0.1%**
TEXTILES	**2**	**2**	**13.9%**	**216**	**129**	**-40.1%**	**0.0%**	**0.0%**
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES	**473**	**230**	**-51.3%**	**12,731**	**5,040**	**-60.4%**	**0.3%**	**0.1%**
GRAND TOTAL	**314,383**	**403,076**	**28.2%**	**4,134,605**	**5,022,331**	**21.5%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

BC Stats

(Rev 2 '06, Rev 1 '07, Preliminary '08)

Source: Statistics Canada and BC Stats

B.C. ORIGIN EXPORTS TO THE EUROPEAN UNION (2007 membership)*
– SELECTED COMMODITIES –

	DECEMBER			YEAR-TO-DATE				
			CHANGE			CHANGE	SHARE	
	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 ($,000)	2008 ($,000)	2007-08 (%)	2007 (%)	2008 (%)
SOLID WOOD PRODUCTS	**24,650**	**26,929**	**9.2%**	**358,862**	**376,528**	**4.9%**	**15.5%**	**14.5%**
Lumber (softwood)	13,264	18,330	38.2%	250,188	256,325	2.5%	10.8%	9.8%
Cedar Shakes and Shingles	436	201	-53.9%	10,016	10,514	5.0%	0.4%	0.4%
Plywood and Veneer (softwood)	1,068	1,193	11.7%	14,645	12,157	-17.0%	0.6%	0.5%
Other Panel Products	1,284	0	-100.0%	3,470	2,146	-38.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Selected Value Added Wood Products	385	333	-13.5%	9,318	9,953	6.8%	0.4%	0.4%
Logs	0	0	NA	88	17	-80.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	8,213	6,872	-16.3%	71,137	85,417	20.1%	3.1%	3.3%
PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS	**36,786**	**20,885**	**-43.2%**	**451,740**	**351,058**	**-22.3%**	**19.5%**	**13.5%**
Pulp	34,926	15,874	-54.5%	407,225	294,014	-27.8%	17.6%	11.3%
Newsprint	0	0	NA	560	106	-81.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Paper, Paperboard - exc. Newsprint	1,827	4,743	159.7%	43,445	56,148	29.2%	1.9%	2.2%
Other	33	268	714.9%	511	791	54.9%	0.0%	0.0%
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD OTHER THAN FISH	**2,900**	**2,279**	**-21.4%**	**41,049**	**35,115**	**-14.5%**	**1.8%**	**1.3%**
Fruit and Nuts	12	0	-100.0%	10,132	7,069	-30.2%	0.4%	0.3%
Vegetables	931	508	-45.4%	4,426	3,843	-13.2%	0.2%	0.1%
Other	1,957	1,771	-9.5%	26,492	24,203	-8.6%	1.1%	0.9%
FISH PRODUCTS	**4,625**	**4,501**	**-2.7%**	**61,910**	**55,959**	**-9.6%**	**2.7%**	**2.1%**
Whole Fish,Fresh, Ch'd, Froz. exc Salmon	559	536	-4.1%	17,633	14,362	-18.5%	0.8%	0.6%
Whole Salmon, Fresh, Chilled, Frozen	730	649	-11.0%	11,104	7,696	-30.7%	0.5%	0.3%
Salmon, Fillets, Canned, Smoked, etc.	2,270	2,507	10.4%	28,534	28,154	-1.3%	1.2%	1.1%
Other	1,067	809	-24.1%	4,639	5,747	23.9%	0.2%	0.2%
METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS	**18,571**	**1,416**	**-92.4%**	**184,983**	**169,932**	**-8.1%**	**8.0%**	**6.5%**
Copper Ores and Concentrates	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Molybdenum Ores and Concentrates	12,747	1,373	-89.2%	148,384	145,642	-1.8%	6.4%	5.6%
Unwrought Aluminum	0	0	NA	3,029	2,659	-12.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Unwrought Zinc	1,853	0	-100.0%	12,374	4,134	-66.6%	0.5%	0.2%
Other	3,971	43	-98.9%	21,196	17,496	-17.5%	0.9%	0.7%
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	**1,117**	**569**	**-49.1%**	**15,244**	**13,613**	**-10.7%**	**0.7%**	**0.5%**
ENERGY PRODUCTS	**45,136**	**50,200**	**11.2%**	**668,038**	**1,049,765**	**57.1%**	**28.8%**	**40.3%**
Natural Gas	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Coal	45,133	43,457	-3.7%	667,971	1,042,940	56.1%	28.8%	40.0%
Electricity	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0.0%	0.0%
Other	3	6,743	230520.2%	67	6,825	10101.1%	0.0%	0.3%
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	**25,891**	**26,047**	**0.6%**	**397,152**	**424,406**	**6.9%**	**17.1%**	**16.3%**
Motor Vehicles and Parts	526	223	-57.7%	7,308	9,367	28.2%	0.3%	0.4%
Electrical/Electronic/Communications	6,826	10,374	52.0%	103,534	163,850	58.3%	4.5%	6.3%
Scientific/Photographic/Measuring Equip., etc.	6,212	5,166	-16.8%	71,869	73,497	2.3%	3.1%	2.8%
Other	12,328	10,284	-16.6%	214,442	177,692	-17.1%	9.3%	6.8%
PLASTICS AND ARTICLES OF PLASTIC	**219**	**420**	**92.0%**	**7,765**	**7,833**	**0.9%**	**0.3%**	**0.3%**
CHEMICALS AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	**3,845**	**2,787**	**-27.5%**	**42,763**	**40,844**	**-4.5%**	**1.8%**	**1.6%**
APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES	**801**	**780**	**-2.7%**	**14,152**	**11,735**	**-17.1%**	**0.6%**	**0.5%**
TEXTILES	**250**	**149**	**-40.2%**	**8,473**	**2,689**	**-68.3%**	**0.4%**	**0.1%**
ALL OTHER COMMODITIES	**3,640**	**3,050**	**-16.2%**	**65,910**	**64,678**	**-1.9%**	**2.8%**	**2.5%**
GRAND TOTAL	**168,430**	**140,011**	**-16.9%**	**2,318,042**	**2,604,155**	**12.3%**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**

* Note that as of January 1, 2007 the European Union expanded to include two new members: Bulgaria and Romania. These figures include those countries.